AMERICAN GUNNERS PULVERIZED GERMAN TRENCHES IN BIG DUEL

THE "AMERICAN 75'S" CAVED IN LONG SECTION OF DEFENSES

Casualties of the United States Troops Were Two Killed, Nine Wounded and One Suffering From Shell Shock

GERMAN BARBED WIRE BADLY TORN AWAY

The Damage to American Trenches Was Repaired in Revealed

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Feb. 3.—(By Associated Press). in their official reports to-day, paid trib-ute to the promptness with which the artillery responded to the call for a bar-

Aerial reconnaissances to-day showed eral nights of hard work under artillery fire for the Germans to repair their first line trenches caved in by the American 75's and to patch the gaps in the barbed wire. The wire. The damage to the American trenches will be repaired before to-morrow morning.

A German barrage fire Saturday night opened the heaviest bombardment of many days along the American sector. and the American artillery replied shell for shell. The firing spread along several kilometres of the front. Two Americans were killed, nine were wounded and one suffered from shell shock.

American sector to-day, and there was little artillery work and no aerial activ-

censor Saturday night that the American troops are occupying a sector on the

SEC. BAKER ADMITS AMERICAN FORCES ARE ON ACTUAL FRONT

He Declares the Belief That the Allies Have a Preponderance in Both Men and Guns on That Front.

the nation not to let the reports of in ternal disturbances in Germany slacken the war preparations, Secretary of War Baker in his weekly military review also makes the official announcement that American troops are bolding a portion of the actual front. He declares it is fully believed that the allies have a preponderance of men and guns on the western fronts.

CALLED PREPOSTEROUS.

Secretary Baker's Statement About the Movement of Troops.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.-Secretary Baker's recent statements to the Senate disability; while Floyd E. Pombrio of war. military committee that the United Barre is to have his teeth fixed. States would have half a million soldiers Mr. Mitchell has sent three to Bur-were forced to take this step as the ington county. Capt. E. W. Gibson was in France early this year and that pros. lington who have been examined and war plants of Quincy have been holding at Montpelier two days last week and pects were not unpromising for ships to passed, Harry Goslant of Lanesboro, Earl out such great wage inducements that obtained 19 applications. Then Robert carry a million, who would be ready dur- Lawless of Montpelier and E. S. Hutching the year, were characterized by Sena- ins of Barre Town, who will be sent for the more remunerative employment. The tor Hitchcock in an address in the Senate when they can be received at the naval condition is not so serious now as it will to-day as "absolutely preposterous and station. so exaggerated as to convey an entirely was rejected on hearing. false impression as to what we can do

and what we are doing."

He declared that Baker doubtless was RUSSIANS FIRED sincere but was misled by the lack of in-formation regarding the scarcity of

FLOATED UNDAMAGED.

Oil Tank Steamer Alabama Which Went

Ashore Saturday. New York, Feb. 4.-The oil tank steamer Alabama, reported ashore Saturday somewhere along the Atlantic coast has been floated undamaged.

LOWEST IN MONTHS.

British Casualties for the Past Week

Were Only 6,354. London, Feb. 4.-British casualties re ported for the week ended to-day were 6.354, the lowest for many months.

LAST OF OLD DRAFT TO BE MOVED FEB. 23

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.-Provost Marshal General Crowder to day announced that the movement of the last increments of men selected in the first draft would be gin on Feb. 23 and be continued for five days. This will complete the operation of the first druft, as all the states will have furnished their quotas. The men for Camp Devens will number 6.576.

Basis Will Be 1,000 British Invalid Prisoners for 1,500 Turks-Great Britain Calls This a Satisfactory Arrangement.

BRITISH AND TURKS TO

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 4 (Correspondence of the Associated Press) .a Single Night-Location British and Turkish delegates, who have of the American Front Is been conferring here for some time in resome sound as it presently slunk away gard to a proposed exchange of prisoners, and ran under a log, where it was afterhave closed their negotiations after wards killed. reaching what the British delegates de- nose to tip of tail. scribe as "a satisfactory arrangement."

The negotiations provide not only for the exchange of prisoners, but also for a complete inspection of prison camps. Turkey has about 10,000 prisoners, most--The American officers are elated over by Indians, while Great Britain has 50, the results of the first-artillery duel between American and German gunners ment will be immediately ratified and Saturday night. Infantry commanders, within a few weeks the first exchange will be made on Swiss soil, 1,000 British invalid prisoners being exchanged for 1,500 Turks. After this exchange there will be an examination of all prisoners that the American gunfire had a very ish doctors, this arrangement doing away ment vessels were ordered to her assistwith the delay incident to the employ-

ment of neutral doctors. negotiations with the Turks The negotiations with the Turks steamer reported her as resting easily proved far more satisfactory than the and in no immediate danger. British delegates had expected. The discussions were conducted in a conciliatory spirit on both sides. A number of supplementary agreements were reached regarding treatment of prisoners hereafter.

ALLIES WILL FIGHT WITH FULL VIGOR

Heavy mists again overhung the Having Found That Teuton Proposals for Peace Do Not Come Near the Allies' Terms.

> council, which met at Versailles, finds no proved, but the shortage is not yet past. approximation in the speeches of the German chancellor and the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister to the terms of the entente and has decided to continue Cutters Are Given \$4.80 Per Day Begina vigorous prosecution of the war until peace can be obtained based on the iples of freedom and justice and respect for the international law. This official announcement was made here Saturday night.

NAVAL ENLISTMENTS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4 .- Warning Officer Stationed at Montpelier Receiving Many Applications.

> Figures compiled from the office Charles Mitchell, naval recruiting officer, at Montpelier, show that in the year he has been here he has enlisted 108 men and there are three on the waiting list. He has sent 155 to Burlington for examination, 108 of whom passed, leaving 47 that have been rejected by the physician there. There has been a large number of applications turned down by Mr. Mitchell

without medical examination. On Saturday Guido L. Sempreboni of Barre was accepted. Avery R. Curtis of Burke was rejected because of his teeth; Mark J. Town of Waterbury on physical

ON SWEDISH SHIPS

Explained Later That They Thought the Vessels Were Carrying Troops

and Munitions. Stockholm, Feb. 4.-Swedish steamers, accompanied by a gunbout and an icebreaker, which crosses the gulf to take on Swedish subjects desiring to leave Finland on account of the revolution, were fired on vesterday by members of a revolutionary Red Guard on an island near a Finnish port. Six shells burst

near the ice-breaker. Later Russian sailors and Red Guards weeks. boarded the gunboat and explained that they thought the steamers were carrying troops and munitions. They permitted all the vessels except the gunboat to enter the port.

BRITISH NEWS MANAGER.

Major-General Sir A. Lawrence Takes the Position.

London, Feb. 4.-Major-General Sir A Lawrence has taken over the control of the intelligence department at general headquarters in France in succession to Brigadier-General John Charteris. The office has charge, not only of military intelligence, but also of all matters con-

FOUGHT COUGAR WITH FISTS.

Two Children Given Royal Recognition for Their Courage.

London, Feb. 4—In recognition of their courage in fighting off with their fists a cougar which attacked them, King George has awarded the Albert medal to two children of Cowichan Lake, Van-couver Island. The children are Dorcen Ashburnham, 11 year old, and Anthony Farrers, eight years old. According to the account of the incident recorded in the Official Gazette, it transpired as fol-lows:

On the 23d of September, 1916, the two children left their homes at Cowichan Lake for the purpose of catching their ponies and, when about half a mile from home, they were attacked by the cougar. They were almost upon the animal before they saw it crouching in a path at a corner. The cougar first sprang upon the little girl and she was knocked down with her face to the EXCHANGE PRISONERS ground, the animal being on her back. The boy at once attacked the cougar with his fists and riding bridle driving the animal off the girl, it then attacked him and his companion getting to her feet, came to his rescue, fighting with her clenched hands and bridle, even putting her arm into the cougar's mouth, to try to prevent it from biting him. She succeeded in getting it off the boy. It then stood on its hindquarters and fought with her but evidently was disturbed by

The cougar measured seven feet from

STEAMER HELPLESS OFF NEW ENGLAND

Call for Assistance Resulted in Government Ordering Vessels to Her

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 4.-A call for help was received to-day from an Ameruunder a low schedule of disability by a ican steamer which ran ashore off the mixed commission of Turkish and Brit- New England coast last night. Govern-

Coast guardsmen who went out to the

OPENS IN BOSTON

Embargo Against Office Buildings, Stores and Factories Was Lifted on Sunday.

Boston, Feb. 4.-The embargo on the delivery of coal to office buildings, stores and factories here was lifted yesterday, after being in force since Wednesday Dealers were swamped with orders. Ar-London, Feb. 4.- The supreme war rivals of coal by rail and water have im-

NEW WAGES AT QUINCY.

ning April 1.

Quincy, Mass., Feb. 4.-A threatened break between the Granite Cutters' In ternational association, which includes granite cutters, polishers and tool sharpeners, and the Granite Manufacturers association of Quincy, has been averted by concessions on the part of the manufacturers.

On April 13, 1916, a bill of prices was arranged between these two associations to run for four years, or to 1920. A few weeks ago the employes made a request for higher wages, in view of the cost of living, although admitting that they could be held under the provisions of the contract which they were work-

The matter was taken under consideration by the manufacturers, who now have reached an agreement whereby the employes in the three lines are to an increase in their pay of 10 cents per hour for an eight-hour day, making the per diem pay \$4.80. This new agree ment will date from the first of the coming April and will continue during the

The granite manufacturers practically then it is necessary now to make the additional inducements to hol dthe men.

SWEDEN A "CARD" COUNTRY. There Is Card Distribution for Many Ar-

Stockholm, Feb. 4.—Sweden is rapidly ming to rival Germany as a land of restrictive "cards" of various sorts. has long had the bread eard, sugar card, milk eard, and butter card. Coffee cards will soon be issued. Wood cards, entitling each person to one cubic metersomewhat less than a quarter of a cordof wood, have also been issued. has also been issued an "catmeal-rad rice card," but there has been neither out

Accounts as Executrix Settled.

In probation court to-day Mrs. Nellie L. Selina of Northfield settled her ac ount as executrix of the estate of Phebe H. Haywood, late of Northfield.

First Meeting in Bankrupt Estate

The first meeting of the creditors of L. G. Derick, bankrupt, of Montpelier, was held this morning, and the bankrupt was examined.

Alleged Delinquent Child.

by reason of failure to attend school. in Boston.

TEUTONS HOLD

eign Ministers and Gen. Ludendorff

ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

to Be Deliberated On

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.-A semi-official announcement from Berlin says that the economic questions affecting the common interests of the two countries.

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.—A Berlin paper announces that 4 new strike movement began at Jena Saturday, about one-third of the workmen striking.

London, Feb. 4.-With the exception of the new movement at Jena, German strikes appear virtually to have ended. German papers report no disturbances in Berlin Saturday.

HARVARD BUILDING HOUSING AMMUNITION DESTROYED BY FIRE

Police Make Investigation of Fire Dana Hall, But Firemen Lay Cause to a Furnace.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 4.- Dana hall one of the oldest buildings of the quadrangle in the Harvard yard, was burned yesterday. Thirty thousand rounds of naval radio and ensigns schools. Valuable records also were saved. Fire department officials thought the fire start-

DRUGGISTS OFFER SERVICES.

Will Act as Merchant Marine Recruiting Agents-F. G. Russell in Barre.

ton customs bouse.

The 526 druggists are scattered over the New England states, from Fort from Swanton, Vt., to Nantucket. They volunteered through a central organization at Boston of which they are members. At a recent convention they held group and took the oath of office as sperepresentatives of the shippi board. Others have since been sworn in

Each of the 526 druggists will conduct an enrolling station at his store, at which young Americans from 17 to 27 years of age, inexperienced i nseagoing, may put their names to applications for training as sailors, firemen, oilers, water tenders, cooks or stewards, on ships of a training squadron maintained by the shipping board, with headquarters at oston, for preparing crews to serve on the new cargo fleets of the merchant ma-

The co-operation of the druggists with the shipping board was brought about through the initiative of Louis K. Liggett of Boston.

The shipping boards' representative in Barre, Vt., section will be Floyd G. Rus-

VERMONT REGIMENT GROWS.

sell. Barre.

This new agree- Forty-Five Recruits Were Received Last F. Mayo. Week.

The recruiting of the 1st Vermont regiment has gone along very well in Wash many granite workers have deserted for Foster took up the duties and, with the the more remunerative employment. The co-operation of the local board, he has obtained 24 in three days, making a total Hollis Taylor of East Barre be next spring, when the granite business opens, but the manufacturers feel to do as well, for more publicity has been that if they are going to have any help sent to the many towns in the state explaining the way the selective draft men in class I can volunteer.

The result of Saturday's effort was 10 recruits, who, it is now expected, will tions regarding the opening of stores on leave Montpelier next Saturday for Camp Greene along with others obtained during the las tweek. Those recruited Saturday are J. J. Gavan, A. R. Jack man, L. C. McLeod, C. F. Sullivan, C. I. L. Erickson, N. G. Tayetti, N. Dube, A. A. Warren, L. O. Davis and H. Trombly. The prospects this morning, Mr. Foster said, were excellent for a large number to-day.

BARNARD-LEWIS.

meal nor rice in the market for many Pretty Home Wedding at 16 Nelson Street Saturday Evening.

> A pretty home wedding took Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Phoebe Jane Lewis, 16 Nelson street, when her daughter, Pansy Belle, became Boston, Rev. Bert J. Lehigh of the First such on the following eight Mondays, you Baptist church officiating. The bride was are requested to remind such of the fore given in marriage by her brother, Earl going statute relating to Sunday observ. M. Lewis, and the attendants were Miss ance. Pinkie K. Lewis as bridesmaid and Bernard P. Lewis of Omaha, Neh., as best man. Miss Ruby Lewis rendered Menman. Miss Ruby Lewis re delssohn's wedding march.

The house was prettily and apprately decorated with wedding bells David Wasson of West Berlin, son of red, white and blue streamers. After

VIOLATION OF CONFERENCE "RULES OF ROAD"

Halifax Disaster on Dec. 6

BLAME IS PLACED ON TWO SEAMEN

Are Said to Be the Matters Pilot Mackay of Halifax and Capt. Lamodec of the Imo

> Halifax, Feb. 4.-The blame for the collision between the French munition of investigation. The commission held

charged with manslaughter. The com- the blanks are net incomes. mission recommended that their licenses

and not taking adequate steps to en-force the regulations.

MANY REGISTRANTS BEING EXAMINED

Of Saturday's List 42 Qualified, 28 Were Assigned to Special Service and 13 Were Disqualified.

A large number of registrants apyesterday. Thirty thousand rounds of A large number of registrants apmorning for examination, some of whom were to have come last week but were set over until this week. Saturday a tofact that ammunition was stored there

tal of 83 were examined, of whom 42 settled at once.

That the additional tax will have to fact that ammunition was stored there tal of 83 were examined, of whom 42 settled at once. led the police to begin an investigation. qualified for service, while 13 were dis qualified and 28 were assigned to special service. The list is as follows:

764 Raymond E. Poulen, 1802 Wayne Justus Burnham, 1807 Elwyn Joslyn, Robert Robinson Edson, 2041 James Patat Boston about 200 stood up in one rick Riley, 2045 Alfred R. Jackman, 2075 Harold Fitts, 2084 Louis Gagnon, 2095 Stanley H. Nutbrown, 2106 Giovanni Mostrostefano, 2112 Henry Trombly, 2127 Carl L. Erickson, 2139 William Erickson, 2139 William Johnston, 2145 Charles Canerdy, 2160 Harold Clark, 2161 David Symes, 2162 Isidor Citrini, 2169 Eston Spaulding, 2613 Lester McLeod.

Special Service. 943 Harold Ledden, 1471 Arthur Lum bard, 1804 Frank Silloway, 1805 Francesco Belgiose, 1808 Petro Bollati, 1820 Gordon Young, 1824 Earl Smith, John Duncan, 1880 George McLellan, 1885 Philip Vercoe, 1923 Elmer Celley 1977 James Laing, 2008 Charles Wilder 2012 John Arbuckle, 2032 Rolin Woodworth, 2035 Guiseppe B. Pacetti, 2039 Freeman Avery, 2044 Myrle Densmore, 2093 George Tucker, 2117 Herbert Codling, 2151 Louis Canales, 2154 William P. Quinn, 2164 Adam Riddel, 2180 Francis Cleary, 2181 Robert Murphy, 2182 Roy Gale, 2517 Clyde Laird, 2928 Henry

Disqualified. 1806 Vincent Murphy, 1837 George F. Berthelot, 1917 Gilbert Towne, 1930 Patrick Flynn, 1934 Carl Haskins, 1939 Leon Taylor, 1984 Joseph Glidden, 2010 Clarence French, 2013 James Carroll, 2033 Robert Aldrich, 2058 George Fraser, 2082 George Whalen, 2115 Erwin Aiken.

SUNDAY STOREKEEPING.

State Fuel Administrator Jones Issues Instructions.

Vermont Fuel Administrator H. J. M. Jones has issued the following instruc-Sunday on account of the Monday clos ing order of the federal fuel administra

tees: Section 5955 of the public statutes (7097 of the revised general laws of 1917) reads as follows:

"A person who, between 12 o'clock Saturday night and 12 o'clock the following Sunday night, exercises any business or employment, except works of necessity and charity, or holds or resorts to a ball or dance, or uses or exercises a game, sport or play, or resorts to a house of entertainment for amusement or recreation, shall be fined not more than two

In case any dealers in merchandise in your town or city presume to open their stores on Sundays for the sale of goods. the bride of Orthello Grant Barnard of on account of the federal order closing

FREED FROM ICE.

Coastwise Steamer Got Off Without Aszistance.

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 4 .- A coastwise intelligence, but also of all matters con-nected with war correspondents, censor-ships, photography, and visitors to the steamer, caught in an ice jam off the ty of which was not learned, was floated to-day without assistance.

INCOME TAX MAN IN BARRE. Is Meeting the Eligible Taxpayers at City Assessors' Office.

Deputy Barrette of the collector's office at Portsmouth, N. H., began in the as sessors' quarters at city hall this morn-German and Austrian For- Was the Cause of the Great ing, and during the day a considerable number of citizens applied to the deputy for blanks. Mr. Barrette arrived in the city last evening from northern Vermont, where he has been receiving inventories at Newport. He will remain in Barre until the end of the week. Sin-gle people who have incomes exceeding \$1,000, and married people with incomes in excess of \$2,000 do not need to be reminded that they should consult the deputy at once,

There are two classes of individuals

who are affected by the new income revenue legislation. It should be borne in mind that the term individuals applies to taxpayers of both sexes, and the only choice in the matter lies between filing with the deputy collector at this tem-porary office in this city, or in forward-ing an inventory to Collector Seth W. German and Austro-Hungarian foreign ship Mont Blane and the Belgian relief in the statute which provides, in the ship Imo, resulting in an explosion which the German chief quartermaster, will article destroyed a large part of Halifax on the wears of age, but the minor's children's rive in Berlin to-day to participate in Dec. 6 was placed on Pilot Mackay of years of age, but the minor's children's the deliberations on the political and Halifax and Captain Lamodec of the ent's income, and even though there are French ship, in the judgment announced several children upon whom exemptions former times. Arrangements have been may be based, every individual whose income is \$2,000 or more must file an in-come is \$1,000 or \$2,000 or more must file

> Heavy penalties are provided for vio-ations. The individual who fails to lations. be cancelled and found them guilty of make returns on his income before the exerted by the next council from the beneglect of public safety for not taking proper steps to warn the inhabitants of the probable explosion.
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> In the probable safety for not taking time limit expires may be fined not less than \$20, not more than \$1,000, and the probable explosion.
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> So per cent of the tax due. The penals at the end of the year to keep within all estimates, so that a balance may be left at the end of the year. 50 per cent of the tax due. The penal- at the end of the year, Capt. Wyatt, the chief examination of ty for making fraudulent return is a ficer of the port, was found guilty of neglect in not keeping himself informed of a year's imprisonment, and 100 per of the movements of ships in the harbor cent of the tax due. The revenue destroyed the most part, were romancers, and along about now they used to weave wonderful stories of new bridges more paying betpartment requires all employers to file ter sidewalks, and now and then a motor with the collector at Portsmouth a truck for the fire department. But the sworn statement testifying to all sums of money in excess of 8800 paid in the

> > To the same extent, bankers or other persons who may have knowledge of an income derived from rents, interest, etc., by an individual subject to income taxation are required to file their information with the collector at Portsmouth. Under the provisions of the act, income

past year to employes.

taxes may not be paid until June 15, but have the taxes paid as soon as the inventories are filed. A discount is allowed for prompt payment, and among

TWO MORE BRITISH RECRUITS. Lieut. Chevalier and Sergt. Maguire to

Continue Work in Barre.

Two more recruits have been added Boston, Feb. 4.—Five hundred twentysix New England druggists have volunteered for war duty as recruiting agents
for the new merchant marine, and befor the new merchant marine, and beMake and Make and Ma gan their official labors this morning, according to a statement just issued by Henry Howard, director of recruiting for Brooks, 1884 Nelson Dube, 1891 John days. The additions to the honor roll with the H. C. of L. the U. S. shipping board, at national Lindsley Winehester, 1916 Carlo Fan. are Michael Lafontaine of 103 Brook headquarters of that service, in the Bos- toni, 1936 Clarence Herbert Haskins, street and Alexander Smith of 8 Laurel report shows, is \$305,710.97, of which the 1938 Leon Olin Davis, 1955 Thomas Jo- street. The are to leave to-morrow for sum of \$170,500 will be raised by taxaseph Tanguay, 1973 Harry Colombo, 1974 Manchester, N. H., where a number of Charlie Elbridge Barnett, 1986 Allen Ed- recruits from Barre were examined to-Kent, Me., to Greenwich, Conn., and ward Lynch, 1991 Giovanni Girompini, day. The officers have decided to extend bonds, and the usual temporary loan of 1995 Robert Ewen, 1996 Alexander their stay in Barre for a few days, as Thomas Jack Kirton, 1998 Wallace La- a number of British subjects are desirous 1918 tax income. The other large item fayette, 2005 Guido Luigi Vanetti, 2017 of consulting with them. Out of the largely attended mass meeting in the The estimated expenses appear in a list opera house Friday evening, an unusual appended. degree of interest in the mission of officers has developed, and the in-

> Emphasis is continually placed on the alternative of being drafted in the Amer- other municipalities at the present time, ican army or going home to fight under the British colors, and with the matter mostly on account of the war, and the thus summed up a good many British subjects are thinking seriously of enlisting at once. The mission officers are of Barre, Barre Town and other nearby towns. It is possible that the lieutenant and his companion will make a trip to Websterville and Barre. To-day a number of men from Montpelier conferred with the officers. An enthusiastic audience in the Park and four-minute talks by Lieut, Chevalier

Sunday were numerous.

Lient Chevalier calls attention to the fact that French Canadians joining now have the advantage of their own companions, a priest of their own religion and officers of their own tongue. has received word from Boston that there is quite a rush there to take advantage of the opportunity to enlist now and not wait for the draft. Boston and New York have more than doubled their enlistments in the last month. Men must be between the ages of 18 and 45.

there Wednesday evening. DEATH OF SCHOOL BOY.

The officers are going to Montpelier

this afternoon to arrange for a meeting

Frank Sullivan, Aged 12, Died of Peritonitis. Frank Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Michael Sullivan of upper Graniteville, the reports of the various officers, com died at 6 o'clock Sunday night at the mittees and departments for the details home of his grandfather, A. B. Cogswell, where Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan re-The boy, who had reached the age of

12 years and five months, came home m school last Monday noon feeling ill, and a severe case of peritonitis devel-oped, which resulted in his death. He was in the sixth grade in school and was a fellow well liked by everybody The funeral will be held at the Cogsrell home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Leroy J. Anderson of Burlington officiating. Burial will be in the

SUGAR ON SALE TUESDAY. Allotment Will Allow One-half Pound to a Person.

Sugar will go on sale in Barre to-morrow morning under the card system of Show licenses distribution, the same as last week; and Peddler and other licenses the amount to be sold will be one-half Dog licenses pound for each person. There will be no Cemetery trust funds need of rushing for the sugar because Miscellaneous there will be enough for everybody under the allotment.

CITY BUDGET IS\$304,149.39 Filing of income inventories before

Finance Committee ecommends Only E & tial Work &

PROPOSE TO SOLD UP SO. MAIN T. BRIDGE

The Estimated Income for the Year Is Put at \$305,710.97

As to recommending anything in the way of permanent improvements for dreams which have come to be a part and parcel of financial statements in made, the report says, for carrying on the work of the various departments in that they violated the rules of the road. an inventory. The exemptions will be as efficient a manner as the funds will Mackay and Lamodec were arrested, proven later. All incomes referred to in allow, but no provision is made for new undertakings. Instead, the committee says, "Great vigilance will have to be

Years agone the finance committee, for stories of new bridges, more paving, betcontrast is sharply drawn this year by a committee of realists to whom bright vistas are mere figments of the imagination. They see nothing but the duil realities of rigid retrenchment and higher taxes in the offing. Somewhat reluctantly, as the report says, the committee has been obliged to recommend a tax rate of \$2.50. And at this point the authors of the report may be suspected of coating the bitter pill with saccharine camouflage, for the report adds, "which, with the direct state tax of 20 cents additional, would make the total rate \$2.70" and then, "unless there is an additional

be voted is a matter of common knowledge, for it is altogether probable that the school system will require at least 10 cents additional on the dollar if the abnormal conditions are to be weathered. There was a deficit of \$4,000 last year in the school budget, and in their annual report for 1917 the school commissioners

The estimated income for 1018, as the tion. This aggregated estimate includes \$25,000 to be realized from the sale of \$49,500, negotiated in anticipation of the is \$31,000 from the water department.

Says the committee in prefacing its final figures: "In making the report for quiries received by them Saturday and 1917 and estimates for 1918, your finance committee has been obliged to face the same problems that are being met by namely, largely increased state taxation,

high cost of materials and labor. "We had to pay over \$13,000 to the state on a direct tax that we did not anxious to bring the situation clearly know of when our estimates were made before the French Canadian population last year, as the state had not levied it at that time; and we will have a tax of the same amount to pay this year.

"Realizing the conditions all citizens will have to face the coming year, we were in hopes to be able to keep the tax rate down to where it was, last year; but it seems impossible to do so. Bijou theatres listened to interesting somewhat reluctantly been obliged to and Sergt. Maguire Saturday afternoon dollar, which, with the direct state tax recommend a tax rate of \$2.50 on the of 20 cents additional, would make the total rate \$2.70, unless there is an addi-

tional tax voted by the citizens. "We have made provision for the city paying its share of the cost of a county sanatorium for tuberchlosis, which we understand is to be voted on by the voters of the county at the March meeting. We have made liberal provision to carry on the various departments of the city in as efficient manner as the funds at our

disposal will allow. _ "Great vigilance will have to be exert. ed by the next council from the beginning of the year, to keep within all estimates so that a balance may be left at

the end of the year. "We would like to have been in a posttion to erect a new bridge on South Main street, but in view of the present condition of the money market, and the city's

finances, we do not recommend it. "We respectfully refer the citizens to of last year's work, and believe the same

will meet with their approval." Estimated Income, 1918.

Balance Jan. 1, 1918. 86,270.00 Taxation Delinogent taxes 1,500.00 Bonds to be sold 25,000,00 Temporary loan 49,500.00 assessments 4,000,00 Street sprinkling assess-1,500.00 ments

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Resurfacing highways, 1917. Rents Engineering Fire department Poor department

State highway, 1917.

Police department State highway tax, 1918. State highway aid, 1918. Resurfacing highways, 1918.

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